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AND MIDDLE EAST

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S PREPARED STATEMENT
INCLUDED FOLLOWING REFERENCES TO GREECE AND TURKEY:

QUOTE: WITH RESPECT TO THE ALLIED REACTION TO OUR
RE-SUPPLY OPERATIONS, I SHOULD LIKE TO MAKE A NUMBER OF
OBSERVATIONS. HERE, AS WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR MIDDLE
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EAST POLICY, NONE OF THE ALLIES CRITICIZED OUR FUNDAMENTAL
AIMS OR POLICIES. HOWEVER, GIVEN THEIR NEUTRAL STANCE,
SEVERAL COUNTRIES, AMONG THEM GREECE, TURKEY AND SPAIN,

PUBLICLY DECLARED THAT OUR BASES IN THOSE COUNTRIES COULD NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT CITED THE TERMS OF OUR BASE AGREEMENT. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT STATED THAT IT COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO EVENTUAL ACTIONS AGAINST THE ARAB STATES. AND IT WAS SIMILARLY THE PUBLICLY EXPRESSED VIEW OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT THAT FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED STATES WERE FOR USE ONLY IN JOINTLY AGREED NATO DEFENSE OPERATIONS. BUT THE FACT IS THAT NO REQUESTS WERE MADE TO

THESE COUNTRIES FOR LANDING OR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS. BECAUSE WE COULD USE OUR BASES IN THE AZORES, WE DID NOT HAVE TO DEPEND UPON OVERFLIGHT OR LANDING RIGHTS ELSEWHERE. END QUOTE. RUSH

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